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PETITION FOR ONE (1) MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time of one (1) month from the original response date of April 22, 2003 for responding to the outstanding Office Action in the above-identified patent application. With the extension of time, the period for response now extends up to and includes August 22, 2003. A check for \$110.00 is enclosed herewith.


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